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ABSTRACT

This report, compiled by the Food Research & Action Center, details food and nutrition programs throughout the United States. The report provides a national profile, a profile for each state, and a look at national trends in food and nutrition. In addition to statistical portraits of hunger, unemployment, and poverty, statistics are presented for the following programs: (1) School Breakfast Program; (2) National School Lunch Program; (3) Summer Food Service Program; (4) Food Stamp Programs; (5) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); and (6) Child and Adult Care Food Program. The same topics and programs are covered in the profiles for each state. The report concludes with a look at national trends presented in graphic form for: (1) poverty; (2) food stamps; (3) unemployment 1969-1995; (4) school breakfast program participation 1976-1996; (5) summer food program participation, 19976-1995; (6) WIC participation 1974-1995; and (7) Child and Adult Care Food Program day care home attendance 1989-1995. An overall view of these profiles suggests that poverty, food stamp usage, and unemployment have all risen. The School Breakfast Program, WIC, and Child and Adult Care Food Programs have all seen increased participation, while participation in the Summer Food Program decreased drastically in the late 1970s and has risen slightly throughout the 1980s and 1990s. (DCP)

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